# EPITAPH To A Week

By LARRY POWELL

Now that most of the smoke, fire and mud produced by the Arkansas Democratic and Republic primaries has cleared, we are reminded of something Lester Gibbs — one of the three also runs in the GOP race for governor — said during a visit to Texarkana.

"You know," he began immediately after being introduced to bystanders as "the next governor" of Arkansas, "At one time, a long time ago when I was in politics, both Texas and Arkansas claimed me."

"Oh?" the reporter who hadn't been born at this particular long time ago politely listened.

"Yeah," guffawed Gibbs, "Texas claimed they didn't want me and Arkansas claimed they didn't want me either."

DR. D. W. WISDOM, mayor of Texarkana, Tex., may have called it right last week in his statement to the press concerning closed meetings. He said the council wants the citizens "to be as informed as they want to be."

IT IS NICE to note for a change that the trouble in Texarkana's school districts has taken to the road. No, it's not marching off, but it is stacking up.

Traffic jams, during last week's first days of school in the Texarkana, Tex., and Texarkana, Ark., school districts, presented the biggest problems to students and administrative personnel at Washington Sixth Grade School in Arkansas and at Spring Lake Park in Texas.

Buses and cars snarled up the roadways by Washington school and lack of one-way signs did the job at Spring Lake Park.

One patrolman, caught up in the confusion at Spring Lake Park, reported back to headquarters, "There's not any way we can straighten this up out here. What happened to the one-way signs?"

Headquarters radioed back that Mr. So-and-so at City Hall had ordered them removed.

"Well," the officer returned, "I hope he has a good time out here tomorrow directing this traffic."

That night, at city council meeting, the city council approved a motion which will have the one-way signs returned to the school.

A BYSTANDER glancing at the Texarkana, Tex., ambulance which was totaled in a wreck last Tuesday: "Well that's one ambulance that won't make it to Alaska."

ONE TEXARKANA man has developed a new statement which he says immediately frightens all his adversaries away. He threatens, "I'm just like a turnip green patch. Step on in and pick a mess anytime your ready."

ANOTHER TWIN City citizen describes a friend of his as being "so confused he don't know whether he's washing or hanging out."

A LOCAL woman was told by her child that the school cafeteria served "weinies and sour cream" on the first day back after summer vacation.

"Don't you mean saurkraut?" the lady asked the first grader.

"Yeah, that's right," the little girl replied, "sour crap."

SEVERAL SMALLER area schools are beginning to offer courses which they could never afford to offer before. One high school senior told her junior college-age brother, "We're going to have driver's education this year."

"It'll never work," the brother said, "Everybody down there already knows how to drive a tractor."

SMALL CONFRONTATION — A close-shaven demonstrator in a uniform decorated with pinnes, plastic rockets and calling himself Gen. Hershey Bar (left) flashes the peace sign to a bearded legionaire, Col. Daniel Taylor of Downey, Calif., in downtown Portland Oregon. The American Legion is holding its annual convention there this weekend. Demonstrations against the war were expected. This confrontation brought laughs from watchers. (AP Wirephoto)

# Board Probing Claim Of Unneeded Insurance

Gazette's Austin Bureau

AUSTIN, Tex. — The State Board of Insurance has begun an investigation of reports made to it by Sen. Oscar Mauzy of Dallas that at least 86 school districts in Texas say they were forced to buy insurance they did not need.

Sen. Mauzy is chairman of a committee which is looking into the effects of the new tort claims law, which makes school districts and other public agencies liable for personal injuries caused by their motorized vehicles.

A report from Duncanville led Sen. Mauzy's committee to send out questionnaires to all the 1,184 school districts, asking, among other things, whether their insurance agents insisted that they buy property-damage liability insurance as well as personal injury insurance on their school buses and other vehicles.

When 86 reported that they were required to take the insurance they did not need to get the insurance they needed, Mauzy referred their questionnaires to the Board of Insurance. The list included the Hughes Springs, Spring Hill (at DeKalb) and Daingerfield, School Districts.

The board looked them over, and planned to write the 86 districts to ask which insurance agent insisted that they buy the added insurance, and which company wrote the policy.

ONE-FAMILY HOUSING

# Building Up 21 Per Cent

AUSTIN—One-family housing construction in Texarkana from January to July was 21 per cent higher than the same period of 1969, according to the University of Texas Bureau of Business Research.

That compares to a statewide growth of one-family dwelling construction of three per cent.

However, the number of apartments constructed in the Texarkana area was down 87 per cent in comparison to the same six-month period the year before. The Bureau's statistics show there were no two-family dwellings built in Texarkana either time.

Dr. Graham Blackstock, research associate, Bureau of Business Research, University of Texas at Austin, says the post World War II baby booms may be what brings the state and country out of the residential building slump. And he hints that the big increases will be in the large multi-family apartment dwellings.

Dr. Blackstock said that the "babies of the postwar booms are now marrying and setting up homes. By 1975 the national population between the ages of 25 and 29 will increase to more than three million." He added that would increase net household formation from one million a year to 1.25 or 1.3 million annually by 1975.

"The households formed by younger adults," he said, "between the ages of 25 and 34, the normal home buying group, numbered 412,000 in 1969; this total is expected by some analysts to average 700,000 annually between 1970 and 1975."

And, he said, the federal government is predicting 2.7 million homes a year will need to be constructed by 1978 to keep up with the boom. "These forecasts certainly indicate that the housing industry has sufficient market demand to motivate expanded activity," he said.

"Other factors argue optimistically," he said. There is "more money available for home mortgages," and interest rates are down "slightly and in spots."

But Dr. Blackstock also argues that high interest rates, unemployment, the high cost of land and labor and large down payments will hurt the chances for a big boom in one-family housing.

Instead, he argues, that multi-family units will grow. "The shift toward apartments has become a trend in Texas," he said.

"From 1958 to 1969 the increasing proportion of apartment units, measured as a segment of all housing units, has been marked." He said that 12.9 per cent of the housing units in 1960 were apartments. In 1961 it was 20.9 per cent and 1962 showed 40.6 per cent of all housing units constructed being apartments. "The percentage has increased every year except three (1959,1964, 1965) in the 12 years."

He argues that young people "have probably had more to do with achieving acceptance of the new clustered-home style of urban living than has any other group."

He said that present day youth "have a greater urge than their more conservative parents to share experience with other people."

"High density is no longer an objectionable phrase," he said.

He even attributed part of the acceptance of apartments to the development of birth control pills. "Even the Pill has contributed to the trend toward apartment living by postponing the purchase of one-family houses, which usually become desirable after children are born," he said.

IN THE TWIN CITIES

# Week in Review

Residents of Texarkana, Tex., will not face a city tax increase as the City Council voted this week to retain the $1.65 per $100 valuation for another year. The council also adopted the 1970-71 budget of $2,822,805.

The finalized budget was down from the original budget proposal of $2,866,092, and did not include raises for city manager Ben Mitnell and City Finance Director John Hackleman. Mitnell had been budgeted a 17 per cent raise from the $15,000 salary he currently receives and Hackleman had been budgeted a four per cent annual increase in the proposed budget. He is currently paid $12,336.

Hackleman said only Fire Department and Police Department personnel received salary increases.

MORE THAN 11,000 names were reported to have been placed on petitions calling for a special referendum vote on the Texas side Model Cities program, sponsors of the petitions claimed here this week.

The Texas City Council instructed city attorney Leon Pesek to render an opinion on the validity of petition's calling for a special election via the referendum route. Pesek said the opinion would be rendered prior to the next council meeting.

Sponsors of the petitions are Freedom, Inc., the Tri-State Citizens Council; The Texarkana Taxpayers Coalition and the Texarkana Evangelical Ministerial Union.

MILLER COUNTY voters gave Texarkana's Hayes McClerkin, democratic candidate for governor of Arkansas, a 2-1 edge over former Gov. Orval E. Faubus in Arkansas' primary this week but McClerkin could not get support from other parts of the state, coming in fourth among the eight Democratic candidates.

In other local races, Sen. Bob Douglas defeated challenger Nick Patton for the 11th District Senate seat, David Orr defeated Lee R. McKeown for the State Rep., Position One seat now held by McClerkin, and David Potter and Charles M. "Bubba" Wade will vie for the position two representatives spot in a runoff election Sept. 8.

Paul Jewell will face Cecil Long in that election for the constable's position for Garland Township. Lance Larry defeated Joe Kelley for Miller County Tax Assesor's position in the primary.

Gov. Winthrop Rockefeller led the ticket in the Republican primary here.


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AUSTIN NOTEBOOK

# The Bush, Bentsen Tactics

By STUART LONG

AUSTIN — The two candidates for the U.S. Senate are doing some things differently this year in their campaigns for the majority vote Nov. 3.

Congressman George Bush, the Republican, and former Congressman Lloyd Bentsen, the Democrat, are applying some cool, modern techniques to the huge job of covering all of Texas.

Bentsen appears to be ahead in setting up the traditional county organizations. He had "coordinators" in all 254 counties. Bush has about 200 of the 254 set up, but is still working on it.

Bentsen is on vacation, fishing in Alaska, and Bush will take a vacation next week. Both have been campaigning hard since early in the year, and Bush has had to return to Washington often for sessions of the House, while Bentsen has been at it full time.

Both are employing organizations designed to attract women into their campaigns. For Bush it is the Bush Belles, with special scarves which they wear to the rallies held in their areas. Mrs. Bentsen is reaching out for the new feel for the outdoors and the historic by making a series of 10 trips on the "travel trails" set up by the State Highway Dept. At each town, a coffee or ice cream social is set up to give local ladies a chance to meet Mrs. Bentsen, Mrs. John Connally or Mrs. Lyndon B. Johnson, who have made some of the trips with her.

Bush has a new idea in a sort of pyramid club, the "balloteers club." Each member is asked to find 10 votes for Bush, and each new one is asked to find 10.

Both Senate candidates have been spending a lot of their time in the smaller towns. Bentsen has been having coffees, or speaking at civic lubs. Bush has been having hamburger suppers, which draw from 200 to 1,200. Only one, in San Antonio, has been in a major city. Often these are held at suburbs near a major city, and when 300 show up in a town of 1,200, it makes it look good, even if some are out from the big city.

Both candidates are taking advantage of the new interest of young people in politics. Bush had 30 "interns" from Texas colleges touring Texas in a bus this summer looking for votes. His son, George Jr. went along on some of the trips. Bentsen also has a youth group organized on college campuses, and his children are taking part in campaign activity.

Black and Mexican-American groups are getting unusual attention from the two Senate candidates this year. Republicans have been wooing these minority groups extensively for four years now, and the pace has been stepped up. Bush campaigners think a fund-raising dinner put on by Teianos con Bush is the first Mexican-American affair at which participants paid to get in. Bentsen campaigns in Spanish as well as English.

So far, since the general election campaign started, the candidates have swapped many statements on many issues. They may have used up a lot of good ones before they have really attracted public attention. Bentsen has not been doing any radio, newspaper or TV advertising since the primary ended. Bush has had weekly five-minute radio talks on 26 stations, but had done no other advertising.

The two have had some warm exchanges over the oil industry and its problems. Bentsen contends that since the Republicans took over, Texas oilmen have fared more poorly than they did under the Democrats.

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